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1. THE SOVIET PRESS IS CONTINUING ITS DRUMFIRE OF CRITICISM OF NATO MILITARY EXERCISES IN WESTERN EUROPE. COLONEL M. PONOMAREV AND V. SELIVANOV, WRITING IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ON SEPTEMBER 21, MAKE POINT THAT MANEUVERS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT WITH POLITICAL AIMS IN VIEW. HE ARGUES THAT, COMING AS THEY DO SOON AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE HELSINKI SUMMIT, THE EXERCISES REFLECT "NERVOUSNESS ABOUT DETENTE ON THE PART OF THE NATO LEADERSHIP. THE EXERCISES, WRITES KRASNAYA ZVEZDA, ARE BEING CARRIED OUT "ONLY TO SOW ONCE AGAIN THE SEEDS OF DISTRUST AND FEAR IN EUROPE, TO RESUR-RECT THE ATMOSPHERE OF MILITARY PSYCHOSIS." THEY ARE ALSO BEING USED, THE AUTHORS CONTINUE, TO APPLY POLITICAL PRESSURE ON GREECE AND CYPRUS, USING ARGUMENTS REPORTED REFTEL. THE AUTHORS CONCLUDE THAT THE "PRESENT SERIES OF NATO MANEUVERS CAN ONLY BE REGARDED AS A DESIRE TO BLOCK THE PROCESS OF DETENTE."

2. COMMENT: WHILE LARGELY A REPLAY OF PREVIOUS CRITICISMS (REFTELS), THE COMMENTARY MAKES NO MENTION OF CBM NOTIFICATION. HOWEVER, IT DOES ATTACK THE REFORGER SERIES--WHICH WAS RECENTLY NOTIFIED TO ALL CSCE PARTICIPANTS--BY NAME. MATLOCK

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